



Wheels in Motion - Volume XIX, Issue 26 - Friday, February 7, 2025

President's Message

By Mary Ellen Good on Thursday, February 6, 2025



February Theme: Peace Building and Conflict Prevention

This week I am sharing a bit of Rotary Trivia that I found when I searched for information on the Rotary Peace Centers – there is a new one opening in Istanbul soon. First, the serious note on the theme for this month...“ conflict prevention”...I am more used to the term conflict resolution. What a difference a word makes, prevention being a proactive approach so that resolution can be avoided.

Rotary is committed to peacebuilding, conflict prevention, and resolution through the wonderful educational opportunities offered at the Peace Centers. Did you realize that one of the Peace Centers is located at Duke? I encourage you to read and learn more about Peace Center Alumni.

Here is the Trivia...please don't ask how I found any of this...I was not looking.

Prince Phillip of England was an honorary Rotarian in four Rotary Clubs and attended meetings often.

Pope Francis personally vaccinated a child against polio in Mexico this past February. While he was Archbishop Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Buenos Aires, Pope Francis was named an honorary member of Rotary – making him the first known pope to receive and accept a Rotary club membership.

See you Friday!

Yours in Service,
Mary Ellen

UPCOMING EVENTS:
February 15 - Monte Carlo Night
March 25 - Special Olympics Spring Games

SBI Program: Daniel Stitt Club Induction

"The real gift of gratitude is that the more grateful you are, the more present you become." – Robert Holden

Being born and raised in North Carolina instilled in me a deep desire to serve my community. That desire, paired with a lifelong dream of living by the coast, has brought me to beautiful Calabash, NC, where I now enjoy the fruits of a fulfilling career in law enforcement and the excitement of my second chapter as a REALTOR®. My journey began with service in the United States Marine Corps and the U.S. Army before I transitioned to a 31-year career in law enforcement. I spent 25 years with the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office, where I rose to the rank of Captain and served as the facility administrator for the Arrest Processing Center. In this role, I supervised over 100 sworn deputies and civilian staff, processing more than 30,000 arrests annually in partnership with local, state, and federal agencies. After Mecklenburg

Club Meeting

South Brunswick Islands
Meets at Ocean Ridge Plantation,
Tamers' Restaurant
351 Ocean Ridge Pkwy SW
Tamer's Club House
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469-5416
Time: Friday at 07:30 AM

Program

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Welcome: President, Mary Ellen Good

Invocation:

Pledge of Allegiance

Breakfast

Sgt.-at-Arms:

Announcements

Program: Daniel Stitt Induction

Happy Dollars

100 Club and 50/50

4 Way Test, Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Events



February 7th
[South Brunswick Islands Weekly Club Meeting](#)

February 14th
[South Brunswick Islands Weekly Club Meeting](#)

February 15th
[South Brunswick Islands Monte Carlo Night](#)

February 21st
[South Brunswick Islands Weekly Club Meeting](#)

February 25th
[SBI Monthly Board Meeting](#)

February 28th
[South Brunswick Islands Weekly Club Meeting](#)

March 7th
[South Brunswick Islands Weekly Club Meeting](#)

County, I served as a Patrol Sergeant for the Union County Sheriff's Office, leading a team of 25 deputies in providing 911 services, traffic enforcement, and community engagement. These roles honed my leadership, attention to detail, and commitment to protecting and serving others.

After retiring from law enforcement, I embraced a new challenge: helping people find their dream homes. Real estate allows me to channel my dedication to serving others and my knack for building strong relationships into guiding clients through one of life's most significant decisions. I pride myself on providing expertise, trust, and unwavering commitment to every client. As a REALTOR® at Intracoastal Realty's Ocean Isle Beach office, I strive to help others create the life they've always envisioned—whether it's finding a forever home, a vacation getaway, or an investment property. Serving others has always been my calling, and I am grateful to continue doing so here on the beautiful North Carolina coast.

Beyond work, I am a family man and an avid sports fan. I am incredibly proud of my two sons: my oldest plays right-back for Charlotte FC, and my youngest is pursuing his dreams as a freshman at the University of South Carolina. When I'm not cheering them on, you can find me enjoying the laidback coastal lifestyle, engaging with my community, or catching up with friends.

SBI Rotary Blood Drive February 28th

Birthdays

Glenn D. Humbert
February 11th
Michael Hebert
February 15th
Timothy Daniels
February 23rd
Kimberly Antolini
February 25th
David B Versaggi
March 5th

Years of Service

David Vanasse
08-24-2012
13 Years
J Calvin Chandler
08-27-2021
4 Years
Kimberly Besser
09-17-2021
4 Years
Nathan B. Broce
09-16-2022
3 Years
Jim Devlin
08-25-2023
2 Years

Club Leaders



South Brunswick Islands Rotary Club Blood Drive

Held at Beulah Baptist Church
670 Hickman Rd NW Calabash, NC 28467

Friday, Feb. 28th
11am - 4pm

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org & use sponsor code: **SBIROTARY** or scan the QR code below. All donors welcome. Please bring photo ID & be well hydrated.

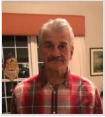


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Vice President



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President-Nominee-
Designate
Club Admin Chair



[David Vanasse](#)
iPast President



[Timothy Daniels](#)
Past President



[Pamela Giarrusso](#)
Secretary



[Lin A. Kelly](#)
Club Executive
Secretary
Club Learning
Facilitator
Treasurer

Special Olympics Spring Games Volunteer Sign Up

March
25th



Volunteer for Spring Games



Join us for a day of competition with over 400 local athletes!

SHIFTS VARY

TOWN CREEK PARK

More Information :

BRUNSWICK@SONC.NET
910-253-2679

6420 Ocean Hwy E,
Winnabow, NC 28479

Scan code to sign up!



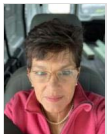
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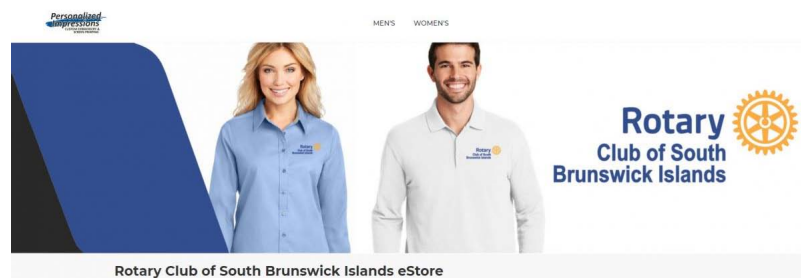
[Frances M. Wylie](#)
Club Sunshine Committee Chair



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Club Young Leaders Contact
Club Youth Services Chair

SBI Storefront

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Clubs In Brunswick County

Rotary around Brunswick County

Leland Area Rotary Club

Meetings: Thursday - 7:30 am
Brunswick Center at Leland
121 Town Hall Drive
Leland, NC 28451

Shalotte Rotary Club

Meetings: Thursday, 12:30 pm
Planet Fun/Starz Grille
349 Whiteville Road (Rt. 130)
Shalotte, NC 28470

Southport Rotary Club

Meetings: Wednesday, 12:30 PM
Hampton Inn & Suites Southport

4820 Porrt Loop Road SE
Southport, NC 28461

Southport Evening

Meetings: Tuesday, 5:30 pm
Southport Tap & Cellar
827 N. Howe Street
Southport, NC 28461

Rotary just over the State Line

Little River Rotary Club

Meetings: Wednesday at 12:00 PM.
Hurricane Juel's
4499 Mineola Avenue
Little River, SC 29566

Little River Rotary Satellite Club

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM.
Mulligan's Sports Bar
1359 US Hwy 17
Little River, SC 29566
